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Dear Ms. Hesse:

I write to express support for the proposed settlement in the federal government's antitrust case against Microsoft.

As a third-grade teacher at Weatherstone Elementary School in Cary, North Carolina, I see every day the importance of computers and technology in the lives and futures of my students.

I strongly believe that the needs of these students – and the overall needs of our nation and our economy – would be far better served by settling this case than by further costly and debilitating litigation.

The analyses that I have seen indicate that the settlement strikes a difficult balance between penalizing Microsoft for the wrongs it may have committed in the marketplace and assuring continued progress and innovation in this important industry.

I hope that the settlement will be approved so that all concerned can go to work on more important matters.

Sincerely,



Hillary Strengholt